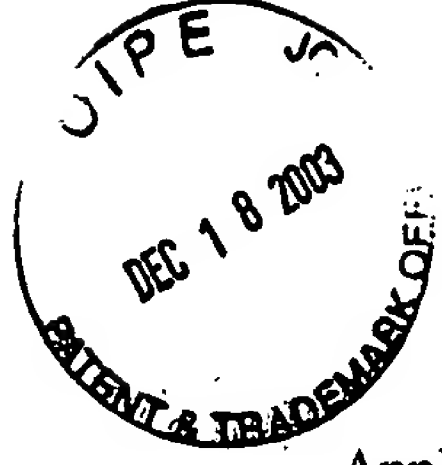


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective May 29, 2000
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number: 09/890,265 Box RCE
Filing Date: August 8, 2001
First Named Inventor: A. KIRPICHNIKOV ET AL.
Group Art Unit: 2856 ✓
Examiner Name: Thomas Noland
Attorney Docket Number: P67039US0

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
 - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____.
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
 - iii. ☐ Other _____.
- b. ☒ Enclosed
 - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☒ Other Preliminary Amendment

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.
(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____.

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.


- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-1358.
 - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. ☒ Other Additional Claim Fee

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- b. Check in the amount of \$ is enclosed
- c.
- d. X Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) in the amount of \$950 to cover the cost of the RCE (\$385), Additional Claims Fee(\$90) and Petition for Extension of Time (\$475)

Respectfully submitted,



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LETTER TO THE OFFICIAL DRAFTSMAN

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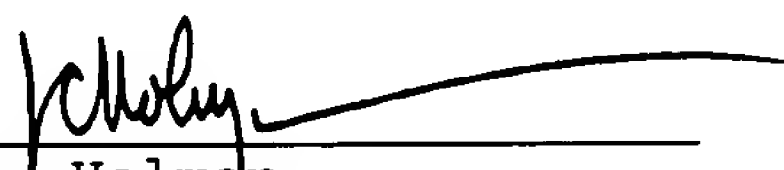
Attached please find a copy of the drawings, Figure 1, in the above-captioned application. The corrections to be made are indicated in red ink.

Upon approval of the proposed drawing corrections, the corrections have been made in the attached replacement sheet.

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